ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for handling tubulars is provided. In one aspect, a tong assembly is provided with a first tong for engaging a first tubular and a second tong for engaging a second tubular. Preferably, the tong assembly is mounted on a movable frame for moving the tongs to and from the tubulars. In one embodiment, the tong assembly includes a torque member for rotating the first tong. The first tubular may be rotated relative to the second tubular to makeup or breakout the tubulars. In another aspect, each tong may include a first gripping member operatively coupled to a second gripping member to retain a tubular. Each of the gripping members has a jaw for contacting the tubular. In one embodiment, at least one of the jaws is actuatable to apply a gripping force to the tubular.